the immediate command of George W. Kirk, as colonel, B. Article V. G. Burgen, as lieutenant colonel, H. C. Yates, as major, and said sundry other persons as captains and lieutenants, into the county of Alamance, and by the procurement, order and command of him, the said William W. Holden, governor, as aforesaid, under color of his said office, the said armed men last aforesaid, seized, held detained, and imprisoned, in said county of Alamance, one Adolphus G. Moore, a peaceable and law-abiding citizen of said county, then and there engaged about his lawful business; that the said Adolphus G. Moore, being so seized, held, detained and imprisoned and deprived of his liberty, was then and there in the custody of the said George W. Kirk, acting as colonel, and commanding the armed body of men, last aforesaid, by the order, command and procurement of the said William W. Holden; that the said Adolphus G, Moore being so seized, held and imprisoned and deprived of his liberty, made due application to the Honorable Richmond M. Pearson, chief justice of the supreme court of said state, as by law he might do, for the writ of habeas corpus, to the end that he, the said chief justice, might duly enquire the cause of said seizure, detention and imprisonment, and deliver him from the same according to law. That the said chief justice issued the writ of habeas corpus at the instance of the said Adolphus G. Moore, directed to the said George W. Kirk, commanding him forthwith to produce the body of the said Adolphus G. Moore, before him, the said chief justice, at the chamber of the supreme court in the city of Raleigh, in said state; that said George W. Kirk was, on the seventeenth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy, in the county of Alomance, duly served with the said writ of habeas corpus; that he made no return of or to the same, as required by law, and refused to produce the body of the said Adolphus G. Moore, before the said chief justice according to the exigency of said writ, avowing and declaring that he had made such seizure and detained and imprisoned the said Adolphus G. Moore, at the instance of and by the procurement, command and order of the said